payer has to calculate property tax for his property on self assessment basis, taking into account the covered area, use, period of construction etc. and deposit the same with MCD.

(b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC) and the Delhi Cantonment Board have informed that the existing assessment procedure is continuing for the year 2005-06. The NDMC has also taken up analysis of the probable impact of the MCD pattern of unit area method and its applicability in NDMC area.

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs have informed that there is no proposal to instruct NDMC for introduction of unit area method for levy of property tax in NDMC area.

Ban of Human Scavenging

2808. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a strong criticism by the court against non-implementation of ban on human scavenging;

(b) whether any high-level inquiry has been ordered to ascertain whether manual scavenging is still being practiced;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose any time bound action plan to abolish scavenging; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Minstry of Social Justice & Empowerment has intimated that the Writ Petition filed by the Safai Karmchari Andolan and Others *Vs.* Union of India and Others is being heard by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has intimated that the Ministry has not ordered any high-level inquiry to ascertain whether manual scavenging is still being practiced.

(d) and (e) The National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging formulated by the Government envisages complete eradication of manual scavenging by 2007.